GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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POPULATION OF AGED PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of aged males and females above 60 years in the country at present, State-wise/UT-wise; and

(b) the schemes/provisions that exist for special treatment of such aged people?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) Based on the Census 2001,there were about 3.77 crores males and 3.88 crores females in the country above the age of 60 years.The State-wise and UT-wise number of such persons is contained in the enclosed statement.

(b) Aged people (senior citizens) are at present provided health care facilities as part of the general health care delivery system at various levels of health care.Certain facilities like separate registration counters are available for senior citizens in Government hospitals.In addition, a provision of Rs. 400 crores has been made for the National Programme for Health Care for the Elderly during 11th Five Year Plan.